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Applicant: Jonathan L. Sessler et al.

Examiner: David Lukton

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2003, Applicants submit the following response:

REMARKS

Rejection of Claims 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sessler (U.S. Patent No. 5,622,946) in view of Lehninger (Biochemistry, 2nd Edition, pages 641-642, Worth Publishers, 1975).

The Examiner has taken the position that Sessler discloses a method of inducing oxidative stress by administering a compound that meets the requirements of instant Claim 20, step (a). The Examiner, in his rejection of Claims 20 and 23, does acknowledge that